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The Honorable William J. Casey Director, Central Intelligence 17th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Old Executive Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20506

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Dear Mr. Casey,

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Joint Statement of the Special Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Ministers held in Bangkok on October 16, 1985. The meeting considered the issue of protectionism with special attention to the Jenkins Bill.

We believe that your good office will take into consideration the joint statements expressed by our ASEAN Economic Ministers.

Respectfully,

PENGIRAN HAJI JORISS

Chairman

ASEAN WASHINGTON COMMITTEE

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Pacifico Castro

Chairman, ASEAN Standing Committee

Manila, Philippines

JOINT STATEMENT OF THE SPECIAL HEETING OF THE ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS

THE ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING IN BANGKOK ON 16 OCTOBER 1985 AND CONSIDERED THE ISSUE OF RISING PROTECTIONISM IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE ESPECIALLY IN THE US, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE JENKINS-THURMOND BILL.

이 역상하면 이 취임 상상이 아니는 바퀴를 걸었다. 아이트 실험이

THE MINISTERS NOTED THAT ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES,

COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY, HAVE BEEN MAKING THEIR UTMOST

EFFORTS IN URGING THE US ADMINISTRATION, CONGRESS AND

INTERESTED PARTIES CONCERNED TO APPRECIATE THE EXTENT OF THE

REPERCUSSIONS OF THE BILL, IF PASSED, ON THE ECONOMIC AND

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ASEAN COUNTRIES AND ON THE OVERALL

CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE US.

THE MINISTERS REITERATED ASEAN'S STRONG OPPOSITION
TO THE BILL WHICH IS DISCRIMINATORY AND CONTRARY TO EXISTING
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND US BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. AT THE SAME
TIME, THE MINISTERS WELCOMED WITH GREAT APPRECIATION THE
EXPLICIT AND FIRM STAND OF THE US ADMINISTRATION IN OPPOSING
THE BILL. THE MINISTERS WERE ALSO ENCOURAGED BY THE RISING
RECOGNITION WITHIN AND THE UNDERSTANDING OF MEMBERS OF THE
CONGRESS OF THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF THE BILL. THE
MINISTERS, HOWEVER, RECOGNISE THAT THE DANGER IS FAR FROM
OVER. THEY, THEREFORE, FURTHER URGE THE US ADMINISTRATION

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AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARD THE EVENTUAL REJECTION OF THE BILL WHICH POSES A GRAVE DANGER NOT ONLY TO ASEAN BUT ALSO TO THE FREE INTERNATIONAL TRADING FRAMEWORK FROM WHICH ALL COUNTRIES JOINTLY BENEFIT.

THE MINISTERS FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE BILL, IN ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE ASEAN ECONOMIES' ABILITY TO EXPORT, WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CURTAIL TRADE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN EXTERNAL BALANCE. MOREOVER, ASEAN'S EXPORT-LED ECONOMIES WILL BE CONSIDERABLY DAMAGED AND DESTABILIZED. ACCORDINGLY, EACH ASEAN COUNTRY WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER ADOPTING MEASURES TO COUNTER THE DAMAGING EFFECT OF THE BILL.

THE ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS FINALLY POINTED OUT
THAT BEYOND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT WHICH IS REAL AND IMMEDIATE,
THE JENKINS-THURMOND AND OTHER PROTECTIONIST BILLS HAVE
ALREADY AND INEVITABLY CREATED WITHIN ASEAN A SENSE OF
UNCERTAINTY AND DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE
CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS AND PROGRESS MADE TO NURTURE AND
CONSOLIDATE US-ASEAN RELATIONS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SUFFER A
SETBACK WITH THE PASSAGE OF THE JENKINS-THURMOND BILL.

BANGKOK, 17 OCTOBER 1985